

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2109 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, subdivision 54, is amended to
1.4 read:

1.5 **Subd. 54. Services provided in birth centers.** (a) Medical assistance covers services
1.6 provided in a licensed birth center by a licensed health professional if the service would
1.7 otherwise be covered if provided in a hospital.

1.8 (b) Facility services provided by a birth center shall be paid ~~at the lower of billed charges~~
1.9 ~~or 70 100 percent of the statewide average for a facility payment rate made to a hospital~~
1.10 ~~hospital facility fee cost trended to current~~ for an uncomplicated vaginal birth as determined
1.11 using the most recent calendar year for which complete claims data is available. If a recipient
1.12 is transported from a birth center to a hospital prior to the delivery, the payment for facility
1.13 services to the birth center shall be ~~the lower of billed charges or 15 100 percent of the~~
1.14 ~~average hospital facility payment made to a hospital for the services provided fee cost~~
1.15 ~~trended to current~~ for an uncomplicated vaginal delivery as determined using the most recent
1.16 calendar year for which complete claims data is available.

1.17 (c) ~~Nursery care~~ Facility services provided to a newborn by a birth center shall be paid
1.18 ~~the lower of billed charges or 70 100 percent of the statewide average for a payment rate~~
1.19 ~~paid to a hospital for nursery care as determined by using the most recent calendar year for~~
1.20 ~~which complete claims data is available~~ the hospital facility fee for a normal newborn as
1.21 determined using the most recent calendar year for which complete claims data is available,
1.22 cost trended to current.

1.23 (d) Professional services provided by traditional midwives licensed under chapter 147D
1.24 shall be paid at the lower of billed charges or 100 percent of the rate paid to a physician
1.25 performing the same services. If a recipient is transported from a birth center to a hospital
1.26 prior to the delivery, a licensed traditional midwife who does not perform the delivery may
1.27 not bill for any delivery services. Services are not covered if provided by an unlicensed
1.28 traditional midwife.

1.29 (e) Licensed health professionals working in licensed birth centers shall be reimbursed
1.30 for the full range of maternity care and newborn care services within their scope of practice,
1.31 regardless of place of service. The commissioner shall review current birth center
1.32 reimbursement and, in consultation with birth centers currently licensed in the state, develop

2.1 revisions to current payment practices in order to ensure reimbursement for the full range
2.2 of maternity care and newborn care services, including but not limited to:

2.3 (1) professional services for intrapartum care when a recipient is transferred from a birth
2.4 center to a hospital prior to delivery;

2.5 (2) professional services provided in place of service home by a licensed health
2.6 professional within their scope of practice;

2.7 (3) professional services when a licensed health professional provides any Minnesota
2.8 state mandated newborn screening, including but not limited to the newborn metabolic
2.9 screen, CCHD screening and the hearing screen or any other medically necessary newborn
2.10 screening, tests, or assessments; and

2.11 (4) telehealth services provided by any licensed health professional working in a birth
2.12 center.

2.13 (f) Managed care organizations and county-based purchasing plans contracted to provide
2.14 medical assistance coverage under section 256B.69 shall reimburse licensed birth centers
2.15 and licensed health professionals working in licensed birth centers for the full range of
2.16 maternity care services within their scope of practice, regardless of place of service, as
2.17 determined in paragraph (e) at no less than the medical assistance fee for service fee schedule
2.18 for the year in which the service is provided.

2.19 (e) (g) The commissioner shall apply for any necessary waivers from the Centers for
2.20 Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow birth centers and birth center providers to be
2.21 reimbursed."

2.22 Amend the title accordingly